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ALMA

Special Notice. The attention of the Province is called to an apostoilc service offered by Alma. If any serviceman wishes catechietical instructions ond cannot be cared for, because of lack of time or because of change of address, please send his name and address to Alma; his instruction can be carried on by mail. Alma's "Canisius Correspondence Course," operating as a unit of the Confraternity Home Study Service, under Fr. L. J. Fallon, C.M., St. Louis, offers instruction in Christian Doctrine to servicemen and others. The textbook, etc., are provided free of charge. Instructions take about two months. Inaugurated seven months ago, the unit was organized by Mr. Doyle; Fr. Werts acts as moderator. Some 60 theologians are instructing over 200 servicemen. Over 1000 conversions in the past six months. are the fruit of some 21 seminaries in the U. S., participating in this apostolic endeavor.

Nov. 22. Fr. T. Cosgrave became Minister at Alma, replacing Fr. J. Duffy who that day became Minister of U. S. F. Fr. H. Werts was made Prefect of Studies and Dean of the Faculty. Fr. Casey, professor of Sacred Scripture, has the added duties of assistant retreat master at El Retiro.

Oct. 30. Brothers Wallace and Sebesta brought home the new ostensorium, which was blessed by Fr. Rector and used for the first time on the feast of Christ the King.

Nov. 3. Fr. Provincial opened his annual visitation with a stimulating exhortation on the "Spirit of the West Baden Conference."

In an attempt to ease the meat problem, Alma bought 17 steers and 20 lambs. They are coralled in the Lower Gardens.

Fr. Casey gave a retreat to some 10 diocesan priests at El Retiro, who had not made the Menlo summer retreats. He is also giving a series of valuable talks to the theologians on retreat work.

Nov. 6. Br. Gosselin and the other Brothers were feted with a special dinner, prepared and served by the 4th year Fathers.

Oct. 26 and Nov. 23. The Observation Post was manned by Mr. Regimbal on alert calls. During the month, due to a short in the wires, our siren went on and alarmed the whole valley.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

Oct. 24. Thirteen seniors graduated. An honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on John Farrow, noted Catholic author and movie director. Archbishop Cantwell presided at the Mass, and addressed the graduates.

The new term is well under way, with some 80 students, 23 of whom are boarders.

To fill vacancies made in the ASTP unit last term, 40 replacements have arrived. The total is still 250.

Nov. 13. Sixty of the soldier students attended a dance given for them by Mt. St. Mary's.

Building permits have been obtained for the erection of two "igloo" buildings: one with a triple dome for the Army mechanical drawing unit; one with a single dome, for the workmen's headquarters.

A bad cold kept Fr. White for a week at Queen of Angels Hospital. Mr. Cayo was there for a week with a foot infection.

Fr. Rector attended the Chicago meeting of Rectors of Army Schools.

Word just received from the Red Cross, states that Lt. Ted Schneider, '44, previously reported missing on a bombing mission, is a prisoner in Germany.

First quarter exams in the military program at Carroll College, Montana were passed successfully by the 50 Loyola men in that unit. At Arizona State College, 18 out of 18 Loyola men came through on top. At the University of Texas, where 25% of the examinees failed, 19 out of 21 Loyolans passed.

Loyola is believed to have the youngest Lt.-Col. in the Army Air Forces. He is Lt. Col. Kennney Dessert, who wears the Distinguished Flying Cross and three oak leaf clusters, won for missions in Africa, Sicily, and for the raid on Ploesti.

In a letter read in the churches of the Los Angeles Archdioces on Nov. 21, the Archbishop endorsed an appeal which our Board of Regents is making for Loyola. It is not to be a big drive; but will help the University.

LOYOLA HIGH

Nov. 21. Loyola played its big Cathedral Game.

Fr. Flynn is trying to arrange for an SSCA at the Catholic Girls High in Los Angeles, for the summer of 1944.

Nov. 21. Fr. Belanger celebrated Mass in Oakland for the Golden Wedding of his parents.

LOS GATOS

Lectures: Fr. Laherty to the Juniors on preaching. Fr. Duce on education. Fr. Doerge on Catholicism in Germany. Fr. Hubbard on Alaska. Fr. Reilly, diocesan director of work among the deaf, accompanied his lecture with a demonstration of hearing aids for the confessional.

Oct. 30. The Brothers attended Br. Gosselin's Golden Jubilee Celebration at Santa Clara.

Nov. 4. Fr. Collins left for a month's supply in Phoenix.

Nov. 6-Dec. 6. Novices' Long Retreat.

The Novitiate Chapel, built by Fr. Jos. M. Piet, is a worthy monument to his memory. It also stirs other memories. The Sacred Heart painting, by Fr. Carasco, S.J., commemorates the two-year stay of Mexican Exiles at Los Gatos. The linoleum and carpets in the sanctuary were put in by Fr. Edw. P. Kenney. He is responsible for the communion rail. For years there was none. Then a wooden one from the former chapel of the Gentlemen's Sodality at Hayes and Shrader, San Francisco, was installed by Br. Bradley. The present artistic rail of grapes and wheat, is the work of Br. Benecke and his assistant Br. Geo. Schaeffer. The statues of the boy saints, who in this sanctuary have emulated St. Stanislaus in his long journey to Rome, are due to Fr. Perron. Fr. Wm. Dunne put in the venetian blinds, and the ceiling lights and ventilators. He is responsible for the liturgical altars. The extra sanctuary lamp fulfills an ancient vow of the Province in honor of St. Joseph. The A.M.D.G. on the arch over the sanctuary was lost ceiling was renovated and tinted by Fr gilded by Fr. Victor Hinderer. The Edmund McNulty and his band of helpers, among whom was Fr. Albert O'Hara, one of our China missionaries. The new pipe organ was bought by V. R. Fr. Joseph King. Br. Benecke has done so much to beautify the chapel, that we dare not list it all. These are human memories; but what might be said of the comfort and encouragement given by the Divine Friend dwelling there, who has been the grateful object of all this care and devotedness!

SANTA CLARA

The Mass for the deceased faculty and alumni was sung by Fr. Charles Leahy. The Student Choir, aided by Fr. Pena and Messrs. Fischer and Keenan, sang exceptionally well.

The Sodality Eucharistic Committee sponsors a weekly Dialogue Mass for all those who wish to attend.

The heirs of the late Louis Byington donated his law library of about 2300 volumes to the Law School.

Br. Gosselin, accompanied by Br. McIntosh, spent a week in Los Angeles to celebrate his Golden Jubilee.

Fr. Rector attended the special J.E.A. Meeting in Chicago.

The campus buildings have been reilluminated by flood lights, since the revocation of dim-out regulations.

It is estimated that the ASTU will number 425 cadets for the term beginning December 10.

The report on grades for the last term show the local unit to be one of the best.

In cooperation with the U. S. Office of Education and the War Man Power Commission, free courses in various phases of engineering and business are being conducted nightly, chiefly for adults.

SAN DIEGO

Fr. Madigan took the census of his parish. Out of the 935 Catholics, 490 are Mexican; 128, Italian; 127, Negro; 190, Irish.

On October 31st, feast of Christ the King, the Bishop confirmed 58 children and 16 converts.

On that day he made the official proclamation that Christ the King is a full fledged parish with definite boundaries of its own. It must not be called a "Parish for the Negroes," but the "Parish of Christ the King."

The pastor says that as the church is situated in the Harlem of San Diego, more colored people than others will attend the church. At present there are 127 colored Catholics out of a population of 13,000. The Baptists, Methodists and Jehovahs take the rest. This is the problem o fthe parish.

BELLARMINE PREP

In January the enrollement was 304.

now it is 404. Then the boarders numbered 58, now there are 109; which number is the present capacity of Kostka Hall. The school building, intended as a temporary structure, is in its seventeenth year, and is filled to overflowing. The faculty building is eighty-three years old.

There are 125 commuters this year.

Santa Clara has given Bellarmine Mr. Doherty as a full time teacher, and Fr. Charles Leahy and Mr. Moore as part time teachers.

This past summer three Bellarmine boys commenced studies for the priesthood. One is a Franciscan, one a secular, one a Jesuit.

The new altar in the Boys' Chapel was built by the father of Mr. Eugene Fahy. The chapel is filled to capacity each morning.

Sodalists have placed a penny-jar in each classroom to buy pamphlets for soldiers. In one week $30 were collected. Funds are being raised to finance religious instruction correspondence courses for service men.

This year the band will wear uniforms. Prof. Van Perre has been able to arrange his hours of defense work, to teach music and French at Bellarmine. The band played Nov. 28, at the St. Ignatius-Bellarmine Game, for the first time this year.

Over 600 Bellarmine graduates are in the armed forces.

The Apostolic Committee of the Sodality has 12 catechists working in five parishes, in and around San Jose.

Mr. Floyd Alaga, Santa Clara graduate, has been added to the faculty. He teaches English and history and has charge of the newly organized "jug."

The football team, prior to the St. Ignatius game, lost two games, tied one, and won four games.

Our Lady's Shrine, slightly damaged by a falling tree, is being repaired by the Sodalists.

All the trees are being removed from the campus.

SAN FRANCISCO

Nov. 21. Fr. James Duffy became Minister of the Community.

The annual Requiem Mass for the deceased students, alumni and faculty, was celebrated by Fr. Cosgrove, assisted by Frs. Howard and McKee. Due to war conditions, only the high school student body attended.

Fr. Rector attended a Chicago meeting regarding Jesuit Institutions and the A.S.T.P.

Fr. Lyons, on the feast of All Souls, conducted the annual day of recollection for the Loyola Guild. He was invited to address the Mothers Club of the University of California. He is the first priest, we are told, to address that body. Out of compliment to the Catholics present, the choral sang the "Tantum Ergo" for one of its numbers. Father conducted a day of reflection for the S. F. Musical Associates at the Convent of the Sacred Heart.

In place of the usual Sunday night talks, a perpetual novena for peace has been started in the church, with rosary, prayers and benediction.

Two former St. Ignatius boys have figured rather prominently in the recent war news. One, a recipient of four medals, was written up for his accurate bombing in a recent raid on Marienburg, Prussia. Even the British declared it "devastatingly accurate."

Every October a tabulation of Mass attendance is made in the San Francisco archdiocese. The average attendance at Sunday Mass at St. Ignatius is 3000. The total attendance for the month was about 15,390.

Fr. Raber of Oregon has been staying at U.S.F., while undergonig medical treatment.

In a recent drive for the Missions, $316 was donated by the high school student body.

About 725 students signd up to take "Jesuit Missions" at the high school reduced rates. Fr. Patrick Ryan (N.O.) spoke to the students.

A new center of the League of the Sacred Heart was established in the high school. Fr. Carroll O'Sullivan, director of the League at St. Ignatius, addressed the student body over the public address system, after which a 100% signup was received. Fr. Howard is the high schol director of the League.

CHAPLAINS

The three Student Counsellors of our Army Schools, Fr. James Lyons at U. S F., Fr. Walter Schmidt at U.S.C., and Fr. Lorenzo Malone at L.U., have been named Auxiliary Chaplains. This grants the saving of Mass in the afternoons and special faculties for marriages. Fr. McMahon who says Mass at Moffet Field has also been named an Auxiliary Chaplain.

Fr. Carr heads the list for sea duty, and may be detailed any time.

Fr. Clark, when embarking for Sicily, saw Fr. Copeland in N. Africa.

Fr. Crowley and Jerome Sullivan again missed each other, when the latter dropped in for a visit.

Fr. James Deasy is a Navy Chaplain, and was summoned to William and Mary College in a hurry. He traveled part way with three Army chaplains, also on their way to school. They were a Methodist, a Negro Baptist and a Salvation Army man.

Fr. Giambastiani is in Porto Rico. His new address is: Station Complement, APO 850, New York City.

Fr. Kavanagh has increased Mass attendance by bribing one of the men. The names of the men who should come to Mass are given to him, and they attend. It is not easy for them to come, as their hours are hard. Father is giving philosophy courses twice a week to 50 pupils, most of whom have had a good educational background. There is an easy chance to win them to religious thoughts.

Fr. Kelly saw Fr. LeGault about to embark for overseas.

Fr. McGrorey's latest address is: 73rd Station Hospital, APO 370, New York City. He has met soldiers from Jesuit Universities. They claim that their education with us is the best thing they have to sustain them. At their request he has started a refresher course in ethics.

Fr. O'Mara has a new address: Depot 0-640, APO 505, New York. He has been visiting classrooms and talking to English boys.

Fr. Sullivan heard that his blue star is near to Fr. Johnson's gold star on the Alma Service Flag. He appreciates the nearness, and prays Fr. Johnson to see that the star stays blue.

VARIA

Ours at the Curia escaped without harm from the bombing of Vatican City.

The San Diego clergy retreats given by Fr. McCummiskey, were made by 121 members of the local clergy, and by 13 Navy and 10 Army chaplains.

Fr. Harold Ryan in St. Louis is finishing his thesis. After New Year's it is expected that he relieve Fr. Hancock at Loyola University, so that the latter may prepare his points for the ad grad.

Fr. John Collins acted as pastor of Sunnyslope during November. Mass was said in the new church on Nov. 7 "sub dio," as there were no doors and no roof to the place.

Fr. A. Bischoff who is attending Yale, writes that he had an enjoyable walk in New York, with Fr. John Martin. The previous walk was taken at Port Townsend, Wash.

The 1943 reprint of the Province Death Lists has been sent to the houses. The number of deceased in the past ten years made added space necessary. To keep the sheet small enough for the frames, it has been printed on both sides. The list is up to date for Nov. 1, 1943. It owes much to the care and thoroughness of Fr. Drathman for its many corrections. The former list had Ours dying on the wrong day, and in the wrong place, and living a shorter time than they had actually done. Fr. Drathman has consulted records, visited graveyards, and checked up so thoroughly, that we owe him a vote of thanks.

Fr. Bassett is at St. Bernardine's Church, San Bernardino, 584 Fifth St., San Bernardino, Calif. With him is Fr. John A. Golden of the New England Province. Both are assistants. The pastor at Brawley, a priest aged 35, who succeeded Fr. Bassett there this summer, died in November in the San Bernardino hospital. Brawley is reported as one of the hardest places in the diocese. The clergy say: "You come out of Brawley, either head first, or feet first."

Fr. N. J. Maruca is at St. Catherine's Church, Laguna Beach, Calif.

DECEMBER RETREATS

Holy Names, Lake Merritt, 8-day retreat, Dec. 25p-Jan. 3a, Fr. Stack.
Year-end Triduums, Dec. 28p-Jan. 1a.
Mercy Sisters
Auburn, Fr. Simpson.
Bakersfield, Fr. Spearman.
Belmont, Fr John Healy.
Burlingame, Fr. Collins.
Oxnard, Fr. Brolan.
Sacr., Hosp., Fr. Donnelly.
Acad., Fr. Butler.
S. F., St. Mary's, Fr. Lynch.
St. Peter's, Fr. Brusher.
Notre Dame Uniduums.
Alameda, Fr. Casey.
Belmont, Fr. Toner.
Redwood, Fr. Jas. Healy.
San Jose, Fr. Toner.
Santa Clara, Fr. Fabris.
San Francisco, Fr. Hagemann.
Saratoga, Fr. Francis Sheerin.
Watsonville, Fr. Werts.

DEATHS

Mother of Fr. Spieler.
Aunt of Mr. Shannon.
Father of Mr. Plushkell.
Father of Mr. Paul Harney.
Sister of Fr. Austin.
Aunt of Fr. James Kelly.

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Mr. Thos. P. Brady, 3rd yr. theol.
Mr. Robert Robinson, 3rd yr. theol.